

AEMS Board of Governors

June 18, 2025

Meeting Minutes

Board Members in Attendance: Peggy Baker; Bruce Barnhart, RN; Marcia Barry, RN; Eileen Blackstone; Nicola Crim; Garth Gemar, MD; Cori Hayes; Gaby Iskander, MD; Sandy Nygaard; Beth Ranney, MD; Kim Reger, RN; Chris Riddle; Roy Ryals; Barb Schaffer, RN; Julie Smith; Casey Solem; Ryan Southworth, DO; Billy Warren; and Alyson Welch

Distinguished Guests in Attendance: Carlos Alarcon; Shari Brand, MD; Kendal Dold, RN; Val Gale; Shauna Griffith, RN; Dave Hanson; Braddley Hughes; Dan Jarrett; Josephine Johnson; Mickey Kovach, RN; Sara Latham, RN; Keena McBee; Martin Murphy; Vince Podrybau; Dustin Preston; Adam Rodriguez; Heather Santiago, RN; Abriana Smith; Julia Vinton; Leonard Yontz.

- I. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests: 12:00pm
- II. Approval of Minutes:
 - a. MOTION: Approve the minutes as presented
 - b. ACTION: Passed without dissent
- III. Executive Director's Report
 - a. Monthly Activities:
 - a. Significant activities related to Odyssey conference
 - b. Ongoing support for membership drive, reporting activities, website management
 - b. AZDHS Contract FY25 & FY26 Status: Ongoing communication with AZDHS BEMST regarding reduction in funding. Contract has been signed reflecting reduced amount.
- IV. Board Officers' Reports
 - a. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Financial Reports:
 - 1. MOTION: Accept the financial reports as presented
 - 2. ACTION: Passed without dissent
 - b. Membership Campaign:
 - 1. Further discussion of reduction in contract funding and status of current membership campaign.
 - b. Chair's Report:
 - a. Executive Committee report: ongoing support if categorization, review of annual EMS Odyssey planning, 50th Anniversary celebration planning.
 - 1. Update on Cardiac Arrest Survivor Conference (Dec 3-6, 2025). Dr. Gemar serving on conference steering committee
 - b. Regional Update Report
 - 1. Central Region EMS Medical Directors Consortium: next meeting scheduled for August
 - a. Central Regional EMS Guidelines Updates: no report
 - 2. ROCC: No updates
 - 3. Rural
 - a. OBLS Grant Implementation: Stakeholder meeting to be held in August adjacent to annual Perinatal Trust Conference. Additional training at that time for expansion of curriculum related to additional clinical conditions identified in earlier training. Grant funding remains in place at this time.
 - b. County Reports – Gila, Pinal, and Maricopa: no reports
 - c. Arizona Fire District Association: No updates
 - d. Rural Summit: October 23, 2025 viz ZOOM. Topics/speakers being identified.
 - c. Open Forum: no topics identified
 - c. Board Transitions:
 - a. Vacancies: will be posted on the website
 - b. Member orientation: Quarterly (following immediately after the Functional group on 8/20/2025)

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- V. State Report
 - a. BEMSTS Activities and Updates: Ongoing recruitment for open positions
 - b. SHARE Update: Platform updates in progress. Review of deadlines for data submission
 - c. The Arizona Pre-Hospital Information & EMS Registry System (AZ-PIERS): no update
 - d. Pediatric:
 - a. Advisory Council meeting scheduled for 7/10/25. There is an open position on the Council for a tribal representative.
 - b. EMSC Funding: There will be additional funding available. Information will be provided as to deliverables and funding dates.
- VI. Functional Group Review
 - a. Planning and Outreach
 - a. Education Committee
 - 1. 25th Annual EMS Odyssey Conference: Review of feedback from attendees.
 - 2. AEMS 50th Anniversary Celebration: October 25, 2025
 - a. Review of fundraising for event and tentative plans. Committee continuing to seek feedback and information about contacting members.
 - 3. EMS CE Fall Forum: Scheduled for December 11, 2025 via ZOOM
 - 4. Topical Focus / Lunch N Learn / Central Region Profile: review of upcoming topics/presenters
 - b. Outreach: members reminded to update contact information.
 - b. Patient Management
 - a. Categorization: updates to process on hold until after Odyssey conference. Will now resume work to update the form. The committee is planning to prioritize process updates related to stroke center categories. Members reminded to submit completed Stats Change Form for any change in facility capability.
 - b. Transfer of Care
 - 1. Sector Reports: none
 - c. RED Book Update: No updates
 - d. Phoenix Stroke Center Coalition:
 - 1. Group resuming regular meetings. Recent meeting 6/17/25.
 - 2. Group plans to collaborate with AEMS , CARE MDC.
 - 3. Discussion will be ongoing related feasibility of Tiered stroke triage in the Central Region.
 - e. Trauma: No report
 - f. Additional Reports: None
- VII. Program and Committee Reports: None
- VIII. Old Business: None
- IX. New Business: None
- X. Call to the Public: none
- XI. Adjournments: 1:22pm